

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/17/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 57,59-75,78-81,83-93,95-105,107-117,119-129 and 131-140.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 57, 59-75, 78-81, 83-93, 95-105, 107-117, 119-129, 131-140 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention relate to selecting contact records for any geography of any size or shape that have a propensity to consume a specific product or service, and delivering these records with selected information appended, such as a contact name and a consumption propensity score, in a real-time environment over a public network such as the Internet.

The prior art of record is to Bates (US Patent No. 6,247,043). Bates discloses a method that implements various intelligent contact management operations to improve the productivity of users of electronic messaging systems. However, bates fails to teach a contact list wherein the characteristics of the contact list include a number a number of records in the contact list, the list specification for the contact list, and a cost of the contact list, taken in combination with a real-time, interactive method of building a contact list on a computer networked based on selected criteria as recited in independent claim 57.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a. Mike (Contacts At Your Fingertip) discloses a contact management software system.

b. Microsoft (TH Enterprise Contact Management System) discloses a Contact Management system comprising a contact mailing list.

c. Retallic (WO97/49047A1) discloses a plurality of networked computer terminals for improved contact activity management and planning.

d. Gropper et al (WO00/48106) discloses the concept of loading contact data into a contact management or Personal Information Management system.

e. Root et al (WO98/49641) disclose a method for automated lead generation and a client contact management.


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Romain Jeanty whose telephone number is (571) 272-6732. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30 am. to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq R. Hafiz can be reached on (571) 272-6729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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